

~Approved 1-9-24~
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
December 12, 2023, 5:00 pm
via Zoom

Present: Greg Orcutt, John Christensen, Skipper Manter, Kimberly Angell, Clark Rattet,

Also: Bruce Stone and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes to Approve: October 24, 2023:

There were no corrections or additions offered.

Skipper moved to approve the Minutes of October 24, 2023. Kim Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

New Business:

- **Finance Committee Budget for 2025:**

Greg explained the few small changes and said the budget is down by about 18%. John found one small correction. Everyone thought it was fine.

Skipper moved to approve the Finance Committee 2025 budget as corrected. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

- **Special Town Meeting Review:**

Kim was taken aback by how unprepared the Affordable Housing Committee was and the presentation they gave. Discussion followed. Everyone felt that they would not approve the article if it came back in the spring. No action taken.

- **Report of the Fin Com for the Town Annual Report:**

John has written the report for the last few years and has already begun for this year. Kim suggested summarizing all of the Reserve fund transfers done. John will send it around for all to read before voting on it next meeting. It will be due by mid-January. No action taken.

- **Preliminary budget review scheduling:**

Greg explained that they met 4 times in January last year. Bruce will have the budget books ready right after the first of the year. He says he has looked at the budget season in general and has seen that the UIRSD is up and so is the MVRHS budget. Clark says the school committees are still working on budgets so they could still come down. In general, he thinks it's going to be a difficult year. After discussion it was noted that Tuesdays and Thursdays work best for most everyone for meetings. No action taken.

- **Potential issues for discussion at April town meeting:**

As discussed already, the biggest issue they see for now will be the ADU article. Janice mentioned that the Select Board will be meeting with the Affordable Housing committee the following night to discuss how they feel about the article coming back in the spring. No action taken.

Old Business: There was none.

Committee Reports:

- Clark had nothing in addition to report about the school committees except to say that they really haven't had a lot of capital warrant articles because they have incorporated most of them into the budget, which explains some of the increase.
- Kim spoke about the multi-board position being created by the Select board and how that will increase they're budget.
- John said that the MV Commissions statistical profile and says they have collected a lot of useful information.
- CPC – John says they are now meeting with folks who have applied about their projects and noted that there are more requests than they have money for.
- John also updated the committee on the Improving Governance task Force and said that they have sent out their survey and only about 10% have come back yet. He feels they have already learned a few things.

Topics Unanticipated:

There were none, but Skipper reminded everyone that he will be serving egg-nog at his house on Thursday December 21, 5:30 – 7 pm.

Scheduling:

The next regular meeting will be January 9th and at that time we will schedule some of the first additional budget meetings.

*With no further items to discuss John made the motion to adjourn. Clark Seconded.
Roll call vote; all in favor.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
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